

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A hypotensive agent containing an oligosaccharide that comprises at least one type of hexose and has at least one 1-6 bond.

2. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the hexose is selected from the group consisting of glucose, galactose, mannose, altrose, talose, allose, idose, gulose, fructose, psicose, tagatose, sorbose, mannitol, altritol, talitol, iditol, galactitol, allitol, gulitol and glucitol.

3. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the hexose is selected from the group consisting of glucose, galactose, mannose, fructose, mannitol and gulitol.

4. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the hexose is selected from the group consisting of glucose, galactose, mannose and fructose.

5. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide contains a constitutive unit of  $\text{Glc}(\alpha 1\text{-}6)\text{Glc}$ ,  $\text{Glc}(\beta 1\text{-}6)\text{Glc}$ ,  $\text{Gal}(\alpha 1\text{-}6)\text{Glc}$ ,  $\text{Gal}(\beta 1\text{-}6)\text{Gal}$ ,  $\text{Glc}(\alpha 1\text{-}6)\text{Glucitol}$ ,  $\text{Glc}(\alpha 1\text{-}6)\text{Mannitol}$  or  $\text{Glc}(\alpha 1\text{-}6)\text{Fru}$ .

6. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide contains a constitutive unit of  $\text{Gal}(\alpha 1\text{-}6)\text{Glc}$ ,  $\text{Gal}(\beta 1\text{-}6)\text{Gal}$ ,  $\text{Glc}(\alpha 1\text{-}6)\text{Glucitol}$ ,  $\text{Glc}(\alpha 1\text{-}6)\text{Mannitol}$  or  $\text{Glc}(\alpha 1\text{-}6)\text{Fru}$ .

7. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide contains a constitutive unit of  $\text{Gal}(\beta 1\text{-}6)\text{Gal}$ ,

Glc( $\alpha$ 1-6)Glucitol, Glc( $\alpha$ 1-6)Mannitol or Glc( $\alpha$ 1-6)Fru.

8. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide consists of glucose and/or galactose and has at least one 1-6 bond.

9. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein all hexoses of the oligosaccharide bond by 1-6 bound.

10. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide is a biose or a triose.

11. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide is isomaltose, gentiobiose, melibiose, Gal( $\beta$ 1-6)Gal, glucitol, mannitol or palatinose.

12. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide is melibiose, Gal( $\beta$ 1-6)Gal, glucitol, mannitol or palatinose.

13. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide is glucitol, mannitol or palatinose.

14. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide is derived from leguminous plants.

15. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide is derived from black soybeans.

16. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the oligosaccharide does not contain constitutive units of Glc( $\alpha$ 1-3)Fru and Glc( $\alpha$ 1-2B)Fru.

17. The hypotensive agent of Claim 1, wherein the hexose is not raffinose.

18. A method for producing a hypotensive agent containing an oligosaccharide that comprises at least one type of hexose and has at least one 1-6 bond, which comprises extracting a leguminous plant with water or an organic solvent.

19. The method for producing the hypotensive agent of Claim 18, which comprises extracting a leguminous plant with water or an organic solvent, and then concentrating the resulting extract.

20. The method for producing the hypotensive agent of Claim 18, wherein the leguminous plant is a black soybean.